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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/968)*]

61/277. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 60/267 of 30 June 2006,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 60/267,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms for rapid deployment[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms for rapid deployment;[2]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to

[1] A/61/679 and A/61/752.

[2] A/61/795.

[3] A/61/852/Add.14.

the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of its resolution 60/267, requests the Secretary-General to provide a preliminary assessment of the pilot project for the regional aviation safety centre at the United Nations Logistics Base in the next budget submission, and notes that, if the concept is applicable, it will consider proposals to establish regional aviation safety offices for other peacekeeping missions;

6. *Decides* to create the following posts in the Strategic Air Operations Centre: one Chief, Strategic Air Operations Centre (P-4), two Aviation Operations Officers (P-3) and two temporary positions established under general temporary assistance;

7. *Also decides* to approve the creation of a post of Chief, Administrative Services, at the P-5 level;

8. *Further decides* to approve the establishment of the following posts as temporary positions to be funded from general temporary assistance: one Chief, Engineering Design Unit (P-4), one Design Engineer (P-3) and two national General Service positions within the Engineering Design Unit;

9. *Decides* to approve the creation of the post of Chief, Geographic Information System Centre, at the P-4 level, and the establishment of the following temporary positions to be funded from general temporary assistance: one Geographic Information System Officer (P-3), one Geographic Information System Administrator (Field Service) and five national General Service positions within the Geographic Information System Centre;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

11. *Decides* to establish the general temporary assistance positions under the pilot project of an off-site recruitment and outreach unit and revert to the issue in the context of the budget proposal for 2008/09, pending the outcome of the human resources management reform;

12. *Emphasizes* that the assessment requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 60/267 was not carried out, and requests, as a matter of priority, the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the budget proposal for 2009/10;

13. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management process, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the budget proposal for 2009/10, pursuant to paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to report on the longer-term perspective on the role and future development of the United Nations Logistics Base, addressing, inter alia, the basis for placing certain functions at the Base, taking into account the support provided by the host country;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the award of contracts for procurement;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

16. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 40,379,600 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

Financing of the budget estimates

17. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 6,365,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(*b*) The balance of 34,013,800 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

(*c*) The net estimated staff assessment income of 2,308,400 dollars, comprising the amount of 2,692,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the decrease of 384,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*b*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

18. *Also decides* to consider at its sixty-second session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

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[4] A/61/679.